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FROM FOR SECRETARY

SUBJECT: Contact with Communist China

REF: STATE 202020; WARSAW 5716

1. On basis Chinese reaction my approach (WARSAW 5715),
believe it would be best in public treatment to add as little
as possible to King's response at December 4 noon briefing.
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If questions are ~~asked~~ at December 5 noon briefing and
additional comments cannot be avoided, suggested guidance
in STATE 202020 seems to remain within limits set, on one hand
by desirability cut-off-unhelpful speculation and show
Administration's positive approach to matter-of-facts and,
on other hand, by desirability of attempting to avoid
stimulation of further negative response from Chinese. GO
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important to avoid being drawn into explicit description of
subject matter by reporters. (As far as we know, we have never
had any understanding with Chinese for or against social contacts.)

2. Warsaw correspondents now have story based on Department's
December 4 briefing. Pending confirmation that STATE 202020
guidance used we shall continue hold to December 4 line. We
shall also take this line with diplomats, some of whom are
beginning to inquire.

3. I am hosting dinner for Polish FonMin JEDRYCHOWSKI which
begins at 2000 Warsaw time December 5. Ambassadors and press
reps will also be present. Please inform me by immediate
cable, if possible prior to 2000 hours Warsaw time, of
anything said at December 5 noon briefing.

4. Suggest it might be useful following any further discussion
at briefing December 5 for SIMONS to contact Lo again (a) to
tell him how we handling matter and (b) to make point that
we are not yet not revealing content my remarks. Advise.

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Attaching Officer

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PARTIAL TRANSCRIPTION FOLLOWS

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